

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1(Currently Amended). A barrier implement intended for obstructing a route of travel of crawling arthropods along a passageway, comprising:

a solid sheet having a sized portion;

a utility wall plate abutting a wall and covering a passageway through the wall,
wherein the sized portion of the sheet is adjacent to the utility wall plate to circumscribe
the passageway; and

an-a- separate arthropod deterring component substance associated with said sheet
for deterring crawling arthropods and impeding their route of travel along said
passageway, wherein said sheet further eliminates air from passing through the
passageway that is covered by the sheet.

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Claim 2(Original). The barrier implement of claim 1 wherein the sheet is molded.

Claim 3(Original). The barrier implement of claim 1 wherein the sheet is extruded.

Claim 4(Original). The barrier implement of claim 1 wherein the sheet is pliable.

Claim 5(Original). The barrier implement of claim 1 wherein the sheet is stiff.

Claim 6(Currently Amended). The barrier implement of claim 1 wherein the sheet comprises an arthropod deterring component substance molded directly therein.

Claim 7(Currently Amended). The barrier implement of claim 1 wherein the sheet comprises an arthropod deterring component substance applied therein.

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Claim 8(Previously Canceled).

Claim 9(Previously Amended). The barrier implement of claim 1 wherein the sheet is configured to circumscribe a passageway defined by an opening through the utility wall plate intended for access of a utility receptacle therethrough.

Claim 10(Previously Amended). The barrier implement of claim 1 wherein the sheet is configured to circumscribe a passageway defined by a space between the utility wall plate and the wall to which it abuts.

Claim 11(Previously Amended). The barrier implement of claim 1 wherein the opposing ends of this sheet are substantially equal in length, and an opening defined through the sheet is intended for receipt of the utility receptacle therethrough.

Claims 12-20(Previously Canceled).

Claim 21(Currently Amended). A barrier implement intended for obstructing a route of travel of crawling arthropods along a passageway in a wall, comprising in combination:

a solid sheet having a sized portion;

a wall having a passageway through the wall along which arthropods crawl, the sized portion of the sheet being placed across a portion of the passageway for covering the portion of the passageway;

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an-a separate arthropod deterring component substance associated with said sheet for deterring said crawling arthropods and impeding their route of travel along said passageway in the wall, wherein said sheet further eliminates air from passing through the passageway in the wall that is covered by the sheet.

Claim 22(Previously Amended). A barrier implement intended for obstructing a route of travel of crawling arthropods along a passageway about a pipe, comprising:

a sheet having an O shape being placed about a pipe being configured to circumscribe block a passageway along which arthropods crawl; and
an arthropod deterring component associated with said sheet for deterring crawling arthropods and impeding their route of travel along said passageway about the pipe.

Claim 23(Previously Amended). The barrier implement of claim 22 wherein the sheet fits behind a flange about the pipe.

Claim 24(Previously Added). The barrier implement of claim 23, wherein the pipe passes through a wall, and the passageway is about the pipe within the wall.

Claim 25(Previously Added). The barrier implement of claim 21, further comprising:

a utility plate for covering the passageway in the wall, the sheet placed adjacent to one side of the utility plate.

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Claim 26(New). The barrier implement of claim 1, wherein the separate arthropod deterring component substance includes: a pesticide.

Claim 27(New). The barrier implement of claim 1, wherein the separate arthropod deterring component substance includes: a slippery substance.

Claim 28(New). The barrier implement of claim 21, wherein the separate arthropod deterring component substance includes: a pesticide.

Claim 29(New). The barrier implement of claim 21, wherein the separate arthropod deterring component substance includes: a slippery substance.
